

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues, or believes that some or all of the claims are not in condition for allowance, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned to schedule a telephone Examiner Interview before any further actions on the merits.

The applicants will now address each of the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action.

Objections

Claims 9-10 are objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because they recite "said battery" in line 6 without sufficient antecedent basis. These claims have been amended to replace this phrase with "a battery". Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 11-15

Claims 11-15 were added in the preliminary amendment dated April 25, 2002, but were not addressed in the Office Action. Since these claims depend from claims 2-6, respectively, and since they are the same as claim 7



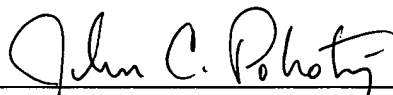
but merely depend on different claims that have been allowed, these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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